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1. CHICAGO TRIBUNE LEAD EDITORIAL OF NOV. 16 COMMENTING ON SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS STATES QUOTEIT CONTAINED LITTLE THAT WAS SURPRISING, BUT IT TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND ASSEMBLED THEM INTO A PACKAGE WHICH IS AT LEAST COMPREHENSIBLE--AND THEREFORE LIKELY TO INSPIRE THE HOPE AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE WESTERN WORLD NEEDS. . . . EACH OF THESE EFFORTS IS NOT ONLY WISE; IT IS ESSENTIAL. LEADERSHIP HAS FALLEN BY DEFAULT TO THE UNITED STATES, IT WOULD BE RASH TO EXPECT THE NECESSARY COOPERATION TO MATERIALIZE QUICKLY, DESPITE THE URGENCY OF THE CRISIS. IT MAY BE TWO YEARS OR MORE BEFORE EVEN THE MOST EFFICIENT SORT OF QUOTE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING END QUOTE CAN BRING OIL PRICES DOWN. IT WILL TAKE PATIENCE AND SOME SACRIFICE--ON THE PART OF AMERICANS AS WELL AS EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE. BUT AS DR. KISSINGER SAID, THE ALTERNATIVES ARE TOO DISMAL TO CONTEMPLATE. END QUOTE.

2. NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE HEAD QUOTE KISSINGER PLAN ON ENERGY GETS FAVORABLE RESPONSE END QUOTE STATES QUOTE

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NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER, SEEMED UNWILLING TO COMMIT

THEMSELVES TO THE PLAN,THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A FRENCH PROPOSAL TO CALL A CONFERENCE OF PRODUCING, CONSUMING AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. OFFICIAL SOURCES, HOWEVER, WERE REPORTED AS HAVING SAID THAT JAPAN HOPED THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE WOULD WORK OUT A COMPROMISE SO THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE FRENCH PLAN AND THE KISSINGER PROPOSAL.

THE FRENCH, MEANWHILE, SAID THEY WOULD PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR PLAN TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. THEY STRESSED THE QUOTE CONVERGENCES END QUOTE BETWEEN THEIR PLAN AND MR. KISSINGER'S RATHER THAN THE DIFFERENCES.

ONE AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH SOURCE APPLAUDED MR. KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A REDUCTION OF DEPENDENCE OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONS ON EXTERNAL ENERGY SOURCES. HE ALSO SAID THE KISSINGER PLAN PROPERLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.

INFORMED SOURCES IN BRITAIN SAID THE NEW PLAN HAD MANY IDEAS IN COMMON WITH THE BRITISH APPROACH, AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LEARNING THE DETAILS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING FACILITY.... IN BONN, WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY BASICALLY AGREED WITH THE KISSINGER PLAN, BUT ADDED THAT MAJOR CUTS IN GERMAN ENERGY IMPORTS WERE OUT OF THE QUESTION. END QUOTE.

3. WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE FROM BEIRUT BY HOAGLAND HEAD QUOTE KISSINGER OIL PLAN DRAWS MUTED RESPONSE BY ARABS END QUOTE STATES QUOTE ...HIS PROPOSAL...APPEARS AT FIRST GLANCE NOT TO SATISFY ARAB DEMANDS FOR GREATER SAY IN THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM. END QUOTE.

ANOTHER WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE FROM PARIS BY RANDAL STATES QUOTE AUTHORIZED FRENCH CIRCLES, END QUOTE BEGIN QUOTE WHICH USUALLY MEANS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MENTIONED QUOTE NOTABLE CONVERGENCES END QUOTE BEGIN QUOTE THAT THEY SAID INDICATED KISSINGER WAS MOVING CLOSER TO FRENCH POSITION. UNCLASSIFIED

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TION. IN URGING REDUCED OIL CONSUMPTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER ENERGY SOURCES, KISSINGER WAS SIMPLY FOLLOWING FRANCE'S LEAD, THE SOURCES INDICATED. KISSINGER WAS CREDITED HERE WITH A MASTER STROKE IN PUTTING UP TO 25 BILLION DOLLARS ON THE LINE FOR PETRODOLLAR RECYCLING SINCE EVEN THOSE CONSUMER COUNTRIES FAVORABLE TO THE FRENCH MIGHT FIND THAT AN IRRESISTIBLE REASON FOR BACKING THE UNITED STATES IN ANY SHOWDOWN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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